

NICKEL DISTRICT CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Minutes of General Board Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2011

Room C-11
Tom Davies Square

Commenced: 4:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Chair
Jacques Barbeau
Joe Cimino
Evelyn Dutrisac
Lin Gibson
Joscelyne Landry-Altman
Mark Signoretti
Russ Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: P. Sajatovic, N.D.C.A.
Don Pearson, General Manager, Conservation Ontario

COMMUNICATION: Anne Watelet

1. Chair Rogers opened the meeting, and welcomed all present.

Our special guest, Don Pearson, General Manager of Conservation Ontario, was welcomed by Chair Rogers. Unfortunately Dick Hibma, Chair of Conservation Ontario was not able to attend due to a personal matter he had to take care of. Chair Rogers noted that Don Pearson would be making a presentation later in the meeting.

Chair Rogers reported on the recent meeting of the Climate Change Consortium Managing Partners. An important item discussed at the meeting was a workshop being organized by the Social Planning Council of Sudbury on June 15, 2011. The workshop will deal with strategies to reduce poverty and impacts on vulnerable citizens in the community. Chair Rogers noted the relationship of this issue to the conference organized by the Consortium in February, 2011. Information related to the upcoming workshop was distributed to all General Board members.

2. No declarations of conflict were declared.

3. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Resolution 2011-43

Signoretti - Dutrisac

That the May 19, 2011 agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) April 21, 2011

Resolution 2011-44

Signoretti - Dutrisac

That the minutes of the April 21, 2011, General Board meeting, as duplicated and circulated, be approved.

Carried.

b) Business Arising from Minutes

No items of business were noted that were not already on the agenda for this meeting.

5. Presentation - Special Guest

Chair Rogers formally introduced Don Pearson, General Manager, Conservation Ontario. Prior to joining Conservation Ontario, Don had been the General Manager at the Upper Thames Conservation Authority for many years, and also was the C.A.O. for the County of Perth for a number of years. Don began by thanking the Chair and General Board members for this opportunity. Don's presentation covered many key issues related to the role and responsibilities of Conservation Ontario, working relationships with the 36 Authorities, current issues, challenges and opportunities within the CA/CO/Provincial relationship, etc. At the conclusion of the presentation, Don responded to questions from members dealing with issues such as provincial funding, opportunities to share and enhance stewardship/communications initiatives, etc. Chair Rogers thanked Don for the most informative presentation and for coming to Sudbury. Don indicated that he would stay for a part of the General Board meeting in order to gain a better understanding of some of the current issues being dealt with by the N.D.C.A.

6. General Business

a) Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alteration to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files Report - March/April, 2011

Resolution 2011-45

Dutrisac - Signoretti

That the N.D.C.A. Permits 2011-03 to 2011-07 issued in March/April, 2011 be approved as outlined in the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines/Watercourses and Fisheries Files report.

Carried.

b) N.D.C.A. Rebranding Initiatives

The N.D.C.A. Corporate Strategic Plan identified branding/identity as key priorities to pursue as part of the 2011 Business/Work Plan. P. Sajatovic reported that staff had recently met with representatives from four local companies. Information related to the four firms was distributed to members.

As discussed during the Strategic Planning Process, it is important for the N.D.C.A. to have a strong, recognizable brand. However, it was agreed that this work has to be modest and must be done at low cost. A firm was recommended and members had a number of questions. Following the discussion and clarification of why the specific firm was recommended, a resolution was presented.

Resolution 2011-46

Dutrisac - Signoretti

That OvertheAtlantic be retained to complete the N.D.C.A. Branding/Identity initiatives work based on the submission dated May 16, 2011,

AND FURTHER that this project will be completed by early fall, 2011 at the latest,

AND FURTHER that funding for this project will be taken from the Levy Stabilization Reserve.

Carried.

c) 2011 Latornell Conservation Pioneer Award Nomination

Background information on this very important initiative had been distributed to members. It was noted that Rheal Proulx, Dr. David Pearson and Dr. John Gunn are past recipients having been nominated by the N.D.C.A. Members agreed that the N.D.C.A. should nominate an individual for 2011 and that the individual will be Dr. Liette Vasseur. The N.D.C.A.'s application will be completed and submitted by June 24, 2011.

d) Sudbury Children's Water Festival Future Direction

The Sudbury Children's Water Festival has been active since 2005. The festival planned for September, 2011 will be the 7th annual. Thousands of Grade 3 students, French and English, and hundreds of secondary school student volunteers have benefitted immensely. The water festival is an amazing success. The Sudbury & District Health Unit (SDHU) has been the lead agency for all these years along with other community partners. The SDHU deserves major credit for its substantial commitment. A recent meeting was held between the partners to discuss the future direction of the festival and the need for a sustainability plan to support the festival for

at least the next five years and beyond. After exploring many options, the partners agreed to set up a working group to develop plans for a longer term strategy. It was recommended that the N.D.C.A. take the lead role understanding that all partners would have to remain fully involved. After a very thorough discussion and many questions, the following resolution was presented.

Resolution 2011-47

Landry-Altman - Thompson

That the staff report dated May 11, 2011 in relation to future directions for the Sudbury Children's Water Festival be received,

AND FURTHER that the recommendations in the report are hereby approved with continuous update reports to be provided to the General Board.

Carried.

e) Heavy Rainfall Event (April 26th to May 1st)

P. Sajatovic reported on the event during the last week of April. Most of the snowpack had melted, however 75 mm of rain in less than 3 days caused all watercourses to swell and some flooding was experienced in a few areas. The actions and steps taken during the event by the N.D.C.A. in conjunction with partners, were summarized. Members had questions and noted that communications in English and French for the benefit of the general public were quite effective.

f) Drinking Water Source Protection Plan Implementation

Chair Rogers and P. Sajatovic reported on meetings recently held with the Sudbury & District Health Unit and senior staff at the City of Greater Sudbury. Outcomes from those discussions were summarized. Discussions with our member municipality related to Source Protection Planning implementation post-2012 will continue. As well, a presentation will be made in September or October, 2011 to City Council jointly by the Source Protection Authority and Source Protection Committee related to the Source Protection Plan policy development work underway. Some of this policy implementation will directly impact the municipality and early engagement is vitally important.

g) Funding Request to Nickel District Conservation Foundation

Resolution 2011-48

Thompson - Landry-Altman

That the Nickel District Conservation Foundation be requested to provide \$20,000 in funding to support environmental-education program activities at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area.

Carried.

7. In-Camera (Legal/Personnel/Property)

Resolution 2011-49

Gibson - Cimino

That we go in-camera at 5:40 p.m.

Carried.

At 6:04 p.m., the Chair of the in-camera session reported that a legal matter had been discussed and that no resolutions would be forthcoming at this time.

8. New Business

a) Member Landry-Altmann thanked the N.D.C.A. for the monetary donation to the Junction Creek Safety Committee Fast Water Program for 2011. It was noted that the poster competition within all schools is underway and that the winning submissions will be judged and selected next month. Chair Rogers noted that the N.D.C.A. is very pleased and proud to support such an important community safety initiative.

b) The next regularly scheduled General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., in Room C-12, Tom Davies Square.

No other business was transacted.

9. Adjournment

Resolution 2011-50

Gibson - Dutrisac

That we do now adjourn.

Carried.

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